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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y FOR TAGS AND SUBJECT

E.O. 11652: GKDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET

SUBJECT: TENNECO SIX

1. BOGAN REPORTS THAT TENNECO HOUSTON DOES NOT PRESENTLY DESIRE RESPOND TO LONG LETTER FROM ELF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO TENNECO DATED JUNE 12 (ASMARA 484). TENNECO IS MORE INTERESTED IN PURSUING ZEIN'S CHANNEL AND THIS INCLINATION WILL PRESUMABLY BE EVEN STRONGER NOW THAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS INDICATED ITS INTENTION RELEASE MRS. DORTZBACH UNCONDITIONALLY, AS ZEIN HAS BEEN FORECASTING.

2. ACCORDING BOGAN, TENNECO HOUSTON RELIZES TIME WILL PROBABLY COME WHEN IT WILL NEED PRESSURE IEG TO RELEASE SOME PRISONERS IN EXCHANGE FOR TENNECO HOSTAGES. HOWEVER IT BELIEVES IT WILL BE IN STRONGER POSITION DO THIS ONCE ZEIN'S FORECASTS REGARDING UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE OF MRS. DORTZBACH AND WEDERFORT HAVE BEEN PROVEN CORRECT.

3. BOGAN AND EMBASSY BELIEVE IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR SAKE OF TENNECO WIVES FOR EMBASSY KHARTOUM PASS WORD TO ZEIN THAT
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RECENT INDIVIDUAL LETTERS FROM TENNECO HOSTAGES ARE GREATLY

DESIRED.

4. IF WEDERFORT IS SOON RELEASED IN SUDAN, BOGAN SAYS HE OR GRAHAM WILL IMMEDIATELY FLY KHARTOUM TO ASSIST HIM. WEDERFORT'S WIFE HAS RETURNED TO CANADA AND SHE HAS TAKEN CARE OF HIS PERSONAL POSSESSIONS IN ETHIOPIA. BOGAN BELIEVES WEDERFORT WILL NOT NEED RETURN TO ETHIOPIA AND THAT FROM STANDPOINTS OF PUBLICITY AND IEG INTERROGATION IT WILL BE PREFERABLE THAT HE NOT DO SO. WE CONCUR.

5. RMO BABCOCK ADVISES THAT WEDERFORT HAVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AT KHARTOUM CLINCI PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE. IF HE HAS ONLY MINOR AILMENTS HE COULD RETURN DIRECTLY TO CANADA. IF HE IS CLEARLY SICK BUT COULD TRAVEL, BABCOCK BELIEVES HE SHOULD STOP IN BEIRUT ENROUTE.

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